



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 25, 2021

Webex

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Coordinating Council Members

DC Agency Representatives

| Name | Affiliation/Designation | Attendance | Designee | Attendance |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard | Thrive by Five Coordinating Council | not present | | |
| Ellen Riordan | District of Columbia Public Library | present | | |
| Rayna Smith | Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services | not present | | |
| Carlie Fisherow | Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education | present | | |
| Dr. Erica McClaskey | DC Health | not present | | |
| Michelle Walker-Davis | Public Charter School Board | present | | |
| Dr. Cheryl Ohlson | DC Public Schools | present | | |
| Brenda Donald | Child and Family Services Agency | not present | | |
| Dr. Barbara Bazron | Department of Behavioral Health | not present | Barbara Paulson | present |
| Theresa Early | Department of Human Services | present | | |
| Vanessa Weatherington | Department of Employment Services | not present | | |
| Shana Young | Office of the State Superintendent of Education | not present | | |



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Public Members

| Name | Affiliation/Designation | Attendance |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Yael Meirovich | Community Member Ward 1 | present |
| Michelle Parrish | Community Member Ward 5 | not present |
| Ramin Taheri | Community Member Ward 6 | not present |
| LaJoy Johnson-Law | Community Member Ward 8 | present |
| Sara Mead | State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council | present |
| Brenda Rhodes Miller | DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy | not present |
| Kimberly Perry | DC Action for Children | not present |
| Ruqiyyah Anbar-Shaheen | Home Visiting Council | present |
| Dominique Spencer | Jubilee Jumpstart | present |
| Dr. Marla Dean | Bright Beginnings | present |
| Dr. Lenore Jarvis | DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics | not present |
| Dr. Dea Sloan | DC Academy of Family Physicians | present |
| (unfilled) | American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology | |
| (unfilled) | Community Member Ward 2 | |
| (unfilled) | Community Member Ward 3 | |
| (unfilled) | Community Member Ward 4 | |
| (unfilled) | Community Member Ward 7 | |

Other Attendees: Taz Barnes (DC Health), Elizabet Gonzales (DC Health), Natasha Herring (DPR), Stephen O'Connor (DBH), Michelle Price (OSSE), Leigh Sims (Community Member), Colleen Sonosky (DHCF), Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC)



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Agenda

1. **Call to Order** **Council Chair Designee**
 - Chair Designee Tiffany Wilson (Wilson) called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
 - Wilson asked for folks to introduce themselves to the group by sharing their name and affiliation in the chat.
 - Wilson shared the agenda for the meeting.

2. **Reflections from May Meeting** **Council Chair Designee**
 - Wilson provided a summary of our May 26th meeting, with no additional points of discussion needing to be raised.

3. **Discussion: Updates for Fall 2021** **Council Chair Designee**
 - Wilson moved to a discussion of Thrive by Five's work, including the DC Safe Sleep Education and Outreach Project and the 2021 National Maternal & Infant Health Summit.
 - *Safe Sleep*: Both survey and focus group participants shared barriers to safe sleep and recommendations for safe sleep promotion in the District. There are a number of safe sleep engagement opportunities in the coming months, including Maternal Mondays, virtual sessions, giveaways, and a safe sleep short form podcast.
 - *Summit*: This year's Summit kickoff will include virtual and in-person options on Wednesday, September 15th. Summit programming will include a pre-Summit discussion series, mainstage panels, community spaces for attendees, virtual breakout sessions, and a virtual expo. Additional information available at dcmaternalhealth.com.
 - Carlie Fisherow, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, and Sara Mead, OSSE Department of Early Learning, shared updates about back to school and return to child care.
 - DC Health has revised their guidance for child care facilities August 11 and school facilities August 20, including revised mask requirements.
 - Schools have additional asymptomatic and symptomatic testing and contact tracing support. For additional information, visit backtoschool.dc.gov.
 - Some child care facilities have been open throughout the pandemic, but additional families will return to care at the beginning of the school year. DC government does not require providers to be vaccinated, but child development facilities are small businesses that can make the best decision for their staff and families they serve.



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4. Other Member Updates

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- Mead (OSSE) shared information about OSSE's Childcare Complaint hotline along with contact information for the Department of Early Learning. To make a complain about child care services, call the Complaint Hotline at (202) 727-2993 or email OSSE.ChildcareComplaints@dc.gov. For general questions, people can email OSSE.DELCommunications@dc.gov.
- Herring (DPR) shared information about DPR's Cooperative Play Programs. Slots are still available at various locations. Visit their website for more information: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/cooperative-play-program>.
- Barnes (DC Health) shared information about Help Me Grow's second annual Books, Blocs, Booths, and Togetherness event on Saturday, September 25th. The event is entirely virtual. Attendees can register via QR code or by calling 1-800-MOM-BABY.

5. Additional Comments & Next Steps

Council Members

- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive.

6. Adjournment

Council Chair Designee

- Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Tiffany Wilson at tiffany.wilson@dc.gov.